GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4493
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Nurses in Private Sector
Sathyabama Smt. V.

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has received complaints about fleecing of nurses by private recruitment agencies demanding exorbitant sums from them for job placements abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines in this regard including measures to check the unfair practices of employers by withholding original certificates;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with further corrective steps taken by the Government to address the grievances of nurses working in private sector; and

(d) whether the Committee constituted to address grievances of nurses working in private sector has submitted its report, if so, the details thereof and the current status thereon?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): In view of the reports received regarding malpractices in the recruitment of nurses, Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has issued an order requiring nurses to take emigration clearance before going for overseas employment to the 18 ECR countries.

The Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs has also written to all the Chief Ministers to set up State Government owned Recruitment Agencies under license from the Protector General of Emigrants for the recruitment of Indian worker for overseas employment.

(c) & (d): In compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement dated 29th January, 2016 in WP(C) No. 527/2011, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare vide order No. Z.28015/15/2013-N dated 24th February, 2016 has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services (DGHS) to look into the grievances raised in the Writ Petition in respect of Nurses, who are working in private hospitals and nursing homes etc.